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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE PLEDGES TO ISRAEL BY U.S. QUALIFIED UNQUOTE BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN WHICH APPEARED IN NEW YORK TIMES SEPT 10.

BEGIN TEXT: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS ASSURED ISRAEL PRIVATELY, AS PART OF THE LATEST SINAI AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT, THAT THE UNITED STATES - WITHIN LIMITS - WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE QUOTE FULLY RESPONSIVE UNQUOTE TO ISRAEL'S DEFENSE, ENERGY AND ECONOMIC NEEDS. BUT THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF UNITED STATES COMMITMENTS SEEMS LESS BINDING THAN ISRAEL HAD INITIALLY SOUGHT.

A HIGHLY RELIABLE INFORMANT DISCLOSED TODAY THE LANGUAGE OF CERTAIN QUOTE SECRET UNQUOTE UNITED STATES COMMITMENTS TO ISRAEL.

MANY OF THE KEY PROVISIONS OF THE UNPUBLISHED ASSURANCES AND UNDERTAKINGS WERE QUALIFIED BY REFERENCES TO THE NEED FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND LIMITS ON AMERICAN RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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SOURCES.

THE GENERAL CONTENTS OF THE UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENTS, COMPILED UNDER THE HEADING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS IN A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PREMIER YITZHAK RABIN, HAVE BEEN MADE KNOWN IN THE ISRAELI PRESS THROUGH AUTHORIZED LEAKS.

THE ISRAELIS, HOWEVER, HAVE SUGGESTED IN THEIR ACCOUNTS SOMEWHAT FIRMER AMERICAN COMMITMENTS THAN ACTUALLY SEEM TO BE THE CASE. THE UNITED STATES PROMISES TO BE QUOTE FULLY RESPONSIVE UNQUOTE IS QUALIFIED BY REFERENCES TO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND AMERICAN RESOURCES.

ALSO, THE ISRAELIS HAVE SAID THAT THERE WAS AN AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO COORDINATE FUTURE DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES, PARTICULARLY AT A RECONVENED GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

BUT THE LANGUAGE, AS DIVULGED BY THE INFORMANT, WHILE SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD COORDINATE WITH ISRAEL ON THE TIMING FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE, SAID ONLY THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD QUOTE SEEK TO CONCERT ITS POSITION AND STRATEGY AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. UNQUOTE.

MR. KISSINGER, AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY, SAID THAT THE UNPUBLISHED MATERIAL HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THAT AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO NEGOTIATE WITH CONGRESS SO THAT UNPUBLISHED QUOTE UNDERTAKINGS UNQUOTE COULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

HE SAID THAT QUOTE ANY UNDERTAKING BY THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC UNQUOTE. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE THE QUOTE FULLEST DISCLOSURE UNQUOTE EVER MADE OF A NEGOTIATION, ALTHOUGH HE SUGGESTED THAT EGYPTIAN ASSURANCES TO ISRAEL THROUGH THE UNITED STATES MIGHT REMAIN SECRET.

AMONG THE EGYPTIAN ASSURANCES TO ISRAEL ARE THE FOLLOWING:  
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- EGYPT INFORMED THE UNITED STATES THAT SHE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RENEW THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE ANNUALLY AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT, BUT IF A QUOTE THIRD STATE UNQUOTE, PRESUMABLY THE SOVIET UNION, VETOED THE RENEWAL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, QUOTE EGYPT UNDERTAKES TO CONCERT ACTIVELY UNQUOTE WITH THE UNITED STATES TO GET THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE FORCE. IF THIS FAILS, EGYPT AGREES TO ASK THE UNITED NATIONS TRUCE SUPERVISORY ORGANIZATION TO EXPAND ITS FUNCTION.

- THE UNITED STATES HAS RECEIVED FROM EGYPT QUOTE AN EXPRESSION OF ITS INTENTION TO REDUCE HOSTILE PROPAGANDA IN ITS GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MEDIA UNQUOTE, THE ISRAELIS

WERE TOLD.

- ISRAEL WAS TOLD THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS INFORMED THAT EGYPT QUOTE INTENDS TO AVOID ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE SELECTED OTHER STATE FROM RESUMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL UNQUOTE. THIS IS AN ALLUSION TO EGYPT'S AGREEMENT NOT TO BLOCK AFRICAN NATIONS FROM RESUMING TIES BROKEN AFTER THE OCTOBER WAR.

THE EGYPTIANS ALSO GAVE ASSURANCES TO THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, THAT THEY WOULD EASE THEIR EMBARGO ON DEALING WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL ON A QUOTE SELECTIVE BASIS UNQUOTE. THE ISRAELIS SAID EARLIER THAT EGYPT WAS READY TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ON ALL AMERICAN COMPANIES, BUT THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE CASE.

THE SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN COMMITMENTS OR ASSURANCES TO ISRAEL, AS MADE KNOWN, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- QUOTE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS RESOURCES, CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION, ON AN ONGOING AND LONG-TERM BASIS TO ISRAEL'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, ITS ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND ITS ECONOMIC NEEDS UNQUOTE, THE INFORMANT REPORTED THE MEMORANDUM AS SAYING. AS PART OF THIS, THE AD-  
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MINISTRATION WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR UP TO DOLS 2.5 BILLION IN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR.

- IN THE PUBLISHED AGREEMENT, ISRAEL AGREED TO RETURN THE ABU RUDEIS OILFIELD TO EGYPT, AND IN RETURN THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN TO COMPENSATE ISRAEL WITH ABOUT DOLS 300 MILLION TO DOLS 350 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE ADDITIONAL COST OF BUYING OIL ON THE WORLD MARKET.

- THE UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENT ALSO SAYS THAT IF ISRAEL CANNOT BUY ON THE OPEN MARKET WHAT SHE NEEDS - A POSSIBILITY IF IRAN REFUSED TO SELL OIL TO ISRAEL - THE UNITED STATES QUOTE WILL PROMPTLY MAKE OIL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY ISRAEL UNQUOTE IF THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ITSELF SUFFERING FROM AN OIL BOYCOTT.

- IF THE UNITED STATES HAS SUPPLY PROBLEMS, MR. KISSINGER TOLD THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN CLOSED SESSION YESTERDAY, OIL WOULD BE SOLD TO ISRAEL ON A PRORATED BASIS DEPENDING ON AMERICAN SUPPLIES. ISRAEL, HOWEVER, HAS A SIX-MONTH STORAGE CAPACITY NOW AND HOPES TO EXPAND IT TO A YEAR WITH AMERICAN HELP.

- THE UNITED STATES AGREES WITH ISRAEL THAT QUOTE THE NEXT AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT SHOULD BE A FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT UNQUOTE, IN EFFECT RULING OUT ANOTHER INTERIM ACCORD IN SINAI.

THE INFORMANT SAID THAT HE HAD FOUND NO REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA, ALTHOUGH MR. KISSINGER SAID TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE READY TO AID A STEP-BY-STEP AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER ITEMS, SOME OF WHICH WERE KNOWN ALREADY, SUCH AS AN AMERICAN AGREEMENT TO HOLD QUOTE CONSULTATIONS UNQUOTE WITH ISRAEL IN CASE A THIRD PARTY - MEANING THE SOVIET UNION - INTERVENED MILITARILY.

THE UNITED STATES ALSO UNDERTOOK TO FIND OUT WHETHER EGYPT WAS WILLING TO AGREE THAT SHIPS, AIRCRAFT, PASSENGERS AND CREWS OF EITHER PARTY IN DISTRESS WOULD BE GIVEN ASSIST-  
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ANCE BY THE OTHER AND WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO THEIR DESTINATION.

MR. KISSINGER WAS ASKED AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE ABOUT THE SOVIET CRITICISM OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY THE PROVISIONS CALLING FOR THE STATIONING OF AS MANY AS 200 AMERICAN TECHNICIANS IN THE SINAI PASSES TO MAN EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS.

HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE SOVIET AND AMERICAN INTERESTS IN THE MIDEAST WERE QUOTE INCOMPATIBLE UNQUOTE, AND THAT THE SINAI AGREEMENT WAS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE SOVIET UNION OR QUOTE A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE UNQUOTE TO THE UNITED STATES.

QUOTE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AGREEMENT IS THAT IT DEFUSES THE TENSIONS IN THE AREA AND IF IT IS IMPLEMENTED PROPERLY WILL OPEN, OR CAN OPEN, A DOOR TO GENERAL PEACE IN THE AREA UNQUOTE, HE SAID. END TEXT.

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